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SUBJECT: BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICO MARINE MAMMALS

REF: MEXICO 21370

1. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR US TEAM FOR SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS. NEED FOUR SINGLES WITH SHOWERS, JANUARY 10 AND 11, AT HOTEL BRISTOL, PLAZA NECAXA 17, FOR MRS. PRUDENCE FOX (NOAA), DR. ROBERT BROWNELL (INTERIOR), MS. JANICE BARNES (STATE), AND COL. MILTON KAUFMANN (REPRESENTING CONSERVATION COMMUNITY). BROWNELL ARRIVING SEPARATELY ON JANUARY 10 FROM SEATTLE. ETA FOR REST OF TEAM WILL BE SENT ASAP. MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION NOT SENDING REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS MEETING DUE TO UNFORTUNATE CONFLICT WITH OTHER COMMITMENTS. UNDERSTAND MEXICANS ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS IN TIAJUANA
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FOR JANUARY 12 AND 13, BUT ASSUME TEAM WILL COVER COSTS INVOLVED.

2. FYI. SOME CONCERN EXPRESSED HERE ABOUT LEVEL OF US TEAM SINCE DIAZ-ROJO IS SENIOR MEXICAN OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND DIAZ-ROJO WILL OPEN MEETING AND THEN LEAVE, PERHAPS DROPPING IN OCCASIONALLY. THIS IS

CONSISTENT WITH US UNDERSTANDING FROM NEGROPONTE-DIAZ-ROJO MEETING THAT THIS FIRST MEETING WOULD BE ON WORKING LEVEL AND IS NOT A NEGOTIATING SESSION. END FYI.

3. IF EMBASSY FEELS MEXICANS SEE THIS MEETING AS MORE THAN INFORMAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS AT WORKING LEVEL, PLEASE LET DEPARTMENT KNOW AND REITERATE TO MEXICANS THE US UNDERSTANDING OUTLINED IN PARA 2.

4. FYI. IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE AT WORKING LEVEL OF MEXICAN MFA INVOLVED IN THIS MEETING. SINCE MFA WILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED EVENTUALLY IF WE NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE THEM INVOLVED FROM BEGINNING. THIS IS WHY WE ARE SENDING MS. BARNES. END FYI.

5. IF APPEARS APPROPRIATE AND CAN BE DONE IN LOW-KEY WAY, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RAISING QUESTION OF WORKING LEVEL MFA PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING WITH MEXICANS. PLEASE REPORT MEXICAN RESPONSE TO DEPT OES/OFA/OCA SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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